Statement

GUIDELINES FOR DEPLOYMENT OF FUNDS TAKEN BY THE COMPANIES AS ADVANCE FOR BOOKING OF VEHICLES

The question of automotive manufacturers accepting deposits as advance for booking of vehicles has been engaging attention of the Government for some time. While these advances may be essentially in the nature of a civil contract. It is not unusual for the depositions to expect a reasonable return in the form of interest and seek re-assurance about their deposit even through Government intervention. It is therefore essential that amounts received from depositors are deployed in a manner which would enable the company to make prompt refunds of the principal amount along with the interest. With a view to maintaining adequate security of depositors money. Government have considered it desirable to prescribe the following guidelines:—

1. Not less than fifty per cent of the deposits received should be deposited with nationalised banks| public sector financial institutions| public sector undertakings, Unit Trust of India and Housing Development Finance Corporation.

2. The balance amount could be utilised by the company as its working capital or for deposit with private sector companies. However, deposit with the private sector will not be more than twenty five per cent of the total deposits received by the company.

3. The deployment of funds on the above basis will be relatable to the deposits available with the company on 30-6-84, and at the end of each of the subsequent quarters i.e. 30-9-84, 31.12.84 and so on.

4. The minimum interest payable on the deposits should be seven per cent per annum compounded annually.

2. Government trusts that automobile manufacturers will take suitable steps for implementation of these guidelines with immediate effect. The position of deposits and their deployment may kindly be reported to the Department of Industrial Development every quarter i.e. 30.6.84, 30.9.84 and so on.

Government issued these guidelines in November, 1983. Subsequently, an amendment was made in the guidelines permitting companies to invest in Unit Trust of India and H.D.F.C. from December 1985, the following cases have been exempted from the purview of the above guidelines:—

(a) Where complete deposits by a manufacturing unit do not exceed Rs. 10 lakhs at any time.

(b) Where waiting list does not exceed 6 months production as also deposits do not exceed Rs. 50 lakhs.

Arrears of NTPC

205. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) the arrears of payments due to the National Thermal Power Corporation from the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking till June 1987;

(b) how much of this amount has been recovered by Government through deduction, in parts, from the Central assistance given to States; and

(c) what are the details regarding the amount recovered so far from Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan. Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra; Bihar and Orissa, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Till June. 1987,

the arrears of payments of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) from the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU) were Rs. 550.03 crores. No amount was recovered from the DESU through Central appropriation.

(c) The amounts recovered from the indicated States, through Central appropriation, during the period April, 1987 to September, 1987, were as follows:—

State	Amount recovered (Rs. in crores)
Uttar Pradesh	59.55
Rajasthan	10.60
Himachal Pradesh	1.95
Madhya Pradesh	0.44
Gujarat	0.50
Maharashtra	6.45
Bihar	0.48
Orissa	0.17
TOTAL :	80.06

Construction of Dankuni Project

206. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1824 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the construction of Dankuni Project has since been completed and it has been put on stream; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for delay in its completion?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir. The project is expected to be mechanically completed by January, 1988.

(b) Heavy Engineering Corporation is executing the project as Turn-Key Contractors. The delay in completion of the project is mainly on account of following reasons:—

(i) Difficulties in land filling at site;

(ii) Selection of import of technology;

(iii) Delay in procurement of equipments;

(iv) Shortage of man-power;

(v Delay in procurement of Steel, Cement, Cables etc.

Mejia-thermal power project

207. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 112 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1987 and state the progress made in the implementation of the Thermal Power Projec at Mejia (West Bengal)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): The Damodar Valley Corporation have reported that 780.6 hectares of land have so far been handed over to DVC against the reuqisition of 804.5 hectares; notice inviting tenders have been issued in respect of Demineralised Plant, Water Treatment Plant, 6.6 KV switchgear and cooling tower, and that the work on temporary quarters, barracks etc. is in progress.

New Drug Policy

208. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced any new drug policy in the recent weeks;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and